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Falls Church City Library Begins New Year “Paperless”, With Fine Amnesty Week, New Computer System

The Falls Church City library will begin the New Year with changes to improve efficiency, save money, and assist library visitors. The City's Mary Riley Styles Public Library is located at 120 N. Virginia Ave.

- The library is **going paperless beginning Jan. 1**, and will no longer send overdue or reserve notices via U.S. mail. Overdue notices and reserve alerts will be sent via e-mail addresses that patrons have provided to the library. For reserve notices, if patrons have not provided the library with an e-mail address, they will be called when an item is ready to pick up. Patrons are encouraged to provide an up-to-date e-mail address to the library so that they can continue to receive timely notices. Please note that all e-mail addresses are **confidential** and **not** given out to third parties.
- The library will be implementing a **new integrated library computer system** beginning Wednesday, Jan. 20. This new system will have far more capability than the current one. During the migration time, some disruption of service may occur while data is loaded from the old system to the new one. This will affect remote access to the online catalog and patron accounts during a brief span of time on Jan. 18 and 19.
- In preparation for the new computer system, the library will offer a **Fine Amnesty Week** Monday, Jan. 11 through Sunday, Jan. 17. All items that are overdue and returned during that time will have their fines forgiven. Fines for previously overdue items and fees for lost or damaged items will not be removed from patron records.
- **The library will open at 1 .m. on Friday, Jan. 8**, instead of in the morning. The library will be closed in the morning for staff training on the new library system.
- The library will be **closed on Monday, Jan. 18**, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday and **closed on Tuesday, Jan. 19**, while final data migration occurs for the new library system. Regular operating hours will be observed (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

For more information visit www.falls-church.lib.va.us or call 703-248-5030.

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